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AND FRAUD-PREVENTION SYSTEM FOR
NETWORK-BASED TRANSACTIONS

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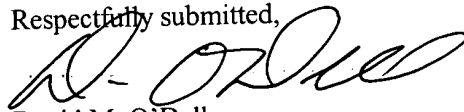
Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment in response to January 7, 2003 Office Action;
2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed January 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

6. (Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein the authorization form includes a transformation system to transform the signature phrase at the node associated with the customer, and wherein the interface receives the second account number and the second signature phrase in a transformed format.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the transaction certificate may be provided to the node associated with the e-commerce merchant to indicate successful authorization.